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HB. No. 474

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- 2 relating to the regulation of boxing, wrestling, kickboxing,
- 3 karate, and other similar athletic activities; providing penalties.
- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. The Boxing and Wrestling Act is adopted to read
- 6 as follows:

7 ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Sec. 1.01. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the Boxing and Wrestling Act.
- 10 Sec. 1.02. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:
- 11 (1) "Club" includes corporation, organization, or 12 association.
- 13 (2) "Commission" means the State Athletic Commission.
- 14 (3) "Professional boxer" or "professional wrestler" means
 15 one who competes for a money prize or purse in any boxing or
 16 wrestling contest or match, or who teaches, pursues, or assists in
 17 the practice of boxing or wrestling, as a means of obtaining a
 18 livelihood or pecuniary gain. The term "professional wrestler"
 19 also includes any person who for any compensation participates as a
 20 wrestler in any wrestling exhibition.
- 21 (4) "Amateur boxing contest or sparring match" means one in 22 which no contestant has received or will receive, directly or 23 indirectly, any money, prize, reward, or compensation either for 24 the expenses of training for the contest or for taking part in the

- 1 contest, except as provided by this Act.
- 2 (5) "School, college, or university" includes:
- 3 (A) every primary or secondary school, college, or 4 university supported in whole or in part from public funds;
- 5 (B) every other primary or secondary school that the State 6 Board of Education determines is maintained primarily for general 7 academic instruction; and
- 8 (C) every other college or university that the Texas College 9 and University System Coordinating Board determines is maintained 10 primarily for general academic instruction.
- 11 (6) "Boxing contest" includes a boxing or sparring contest

 12 conforming to the rules, regulations, and requirements of this Act

 13 and such a contest is not a prize fight.
- 14 (7) "Contest" and "match" include "boxing exhibition" and
 15 "wrestling match" but do not include any "wrestling exhibition."
- 16 (8) "Wrestling exhibition" means a performance of wrestling
 17 skills and techniques by two or more professional wrestlers, to
 18 which any admission is charged or which is broadcast or televised,
 19 in which the participating wrestlers are not required to use their
 20 best efforts in order to win, and for which the winner may have
 21 been selected before the performance commences.
- (9) "Boxing" includes kickboxing. Sections 8.04, 8.06, 8.07, 8.08, 8.09, 8.10, and 8.11 of this Act do not apply to kickboxing. "Boxing" also includes professional and amateur full-contact karate. Sections 4.22, 8.04, 8.06, 8.07, 8.08, 8.09, 8.10, and 8.11 do not apply to professional or amateur full-contact karate.

- 1 (10) "Kickboxing" means a form of boxing in which blows are
- 2 delivered with any part of the arm below the shoulder, including
- 3 the hand, and any part of the leg below the hip, including the
- 4 foot.
- 5 (11) "Professional or amateur full-contact karate" means any
- 6 form of full-contact martial arts, including full-contact kung fu,
- 7 full-contact tae kwon-do, or any other form of martial arts or
- 8 self-defense conducted on a full-contact basis in a contest, match,
- 9 or exhibition in which weapons are not used.
- 10 (12) "Full contact" means the use of full unrestrained
- 11 physical force in a martial arts contest.
- 12 (13) "Light contact" means the use of controlled martial
- 13 arts techniques by which contact to the body is permitted in a
- 14 restrained manner and no contact to the face is permitted.
- 15 (14) "Noncontact" means that no contact occurs between
- 16 either contestant.
- 17 ARTICLE 2. ADMINISTRATION
- Sec. 2.01. COMMISSION. The State Athletic Commission is
- 19 established. The commission is composed of nine members appointed
- 20 by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.
- Sec. 2.02. TERMS. Members of the commission are appointed
- 22 for staggered terms of six years, with three members' terms
- expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year.
- Sec. 2.03. QUORUM. Five members of the commission
- 25 constitute a quorum.
- Sec. 2.04. OFFICE; MEETINGS. The commission shall maintain
- 27 a general office for the transaction of business in the city of

- 1 Austin. It may hold meetings at any other place when the
- 2 convenience of the commissioners requires.
- 3 Sec. 2.05. CHAIRMAN; VICE-CHAIRMAN; SEAL; ADMINISTRATIVE
- 4 RULES. (a) The members of the commission shall elect one of their
- 5 number chairman and another member vice-chairman. The chairman and
- 6 vice-chairman shall be elected at the first meeting of each
- 7 calendar year or when a vacancy exists.
- 8 (b) The commission shall adopt a seal and adopt rules for
- 9 the administration of the commission's functions.
- 10 Sec. 2.06. PER DIEM. Each member of the commission is
- 11 entitled to a per diem as set by legislative appropriation and to
- 12 actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his
- 13 official duties.
- 14 Sec. 2.07. EXECUTIVE OFFICER; STAFF. (a) The commission
- shall appoint an executive officer and fix his compensation.
- 16 (b) The executive officer shall carry out the duties
- 17 prescribed by this Act and additional duties as may be delegated by
- 18 the commission. The commission may employ other personnel as may
- 19 be necessary for the administration of this Act.
- 20 Sec. 2.08. INSPECTORS. The commission shall appoint
- 21 official representatives designated as "inspectors," each of whom
- 22 shall receive from the commission a card, authorizing him to act as
- 23 an inspector whenever the commission may designate him to act.
- Sec. 2.09. DISPOSITION OF FUNDS. All money received by the
- 25 commission under this Act shall be deposited in the state treasury
- 26 to the credit of the general revenue fund.
- 27 Sec. 2.10. BIENNIAL REPORT. During January of each

- odd-numbered year, the commission shall file with the legislature a
- 2 full report of its proceedings for the preceding two calendar years
- 3 and it may submit with the report recommendations pertaining to its
- 4 affairs.
- 5 ARTICLE 3. APPLICATION OF CHAPTER
- 6 Sec. 3.01. CONTESTS OR MATCHES UNDER NATIONAL GUARD. This
- 7 Act does not apply to any boxing contest, or sparring or wrestling
- 8 match conducted under the supervision and control of the National
- 9 Guard if all of the contestants are members of the National Guard.
- 10 Sec. 3.02. CONTESTS OR MATCHES UNDER SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR
- 11 UNIVERSITY; JURISDICTION. This Act does not apply to any amateur
- 12 boxing contests or sparring or wrestling matches conducted by or
- 13 participated in exclusively by any school, college, or university
- 14 or by any association or organization composed exclusively of
- 15 schools, colleges, or universities if each contestant in the
- 16 contest or match is a bona fide student regularly enrolled for not
- less than one-half time in a school, college, or university.
- 18 Sec. 3.03. AMATEUR WRESTLING CONTESTS UNDER OLYMPIC
- 19 COMMITTEE OR A.A.U. This Act does not apply to amateur wrestling
- 20 contests sponsored by the Olympic Committee of the U.S.A. or the
- 21 district association of the Amateur Athletic Union of America,
- 22 subject to approval by the commission, if the entire net proceeds
- 23 are used for the purpose of defraying the expenses of teams of
- 24 amateur wrestlers engaged in international competition.
- 25 Sec. 3.04. AMATEUR CONTESTS CONDUCTED BY NONPROFIT
- ORGANIZATIONS; REGISTRATION FEE. (a) This Act does not apply to
- 27 any amateur boxing or wrestling contests conducted by a nonprofit

- 1 organization to which an admission fee is not charged or to such 2 contests to which an admission fee is charged, subject to approval
- by the commission, if the entire net proceeds are used to defray 3
- the expenses of the contestants, purchase equipment for the 4
- contestants, provide medical insurance for the contestants, or to 5
- 6 pay any other expenses reasonably necessary for the conduct of the
- 7 A nonprofit organization conducting an amateur boxing or
- wrestling contest to which an admission fee is charged shall file a 8
- statement of revenues and expenses from the contest with the 9
- commission not later than the 90th day after the day on which the 10
- 11 contest concludes.
- In this section, "nonprofit organization" means any of 12
- 13 the following:
- 14 (1) an incorporated fraternal organization;
- 15 (2) any school, college, or university; and
- 16 any nonprofit organization not within Subdivision (1) or
- 17 (2) of this subsection.
- (c) Any nonprofit organization conducting any amateur boxing 18
- or wrestling contest to which an admission fee is charged under 19
- Subsection (a) of this section shall pay a \$3 yearly registration 20
- 21 fee to the commission.
- 22 Sec. 3.05. FREE AMATEUR CONTESTS CONDUCTED BY
- 23 AGENCIES. This Act does not apply to any amateur boxing contests
- 24 or sparring or wrestling matches at which no admission fees are
- charged or collected that may be conducted by any recreation
- 26 department or similar agency of any city or county, if each
- 27 contestant in the contests or matches is a bona fide student who is

- 1 regularly attending a school during the academic year or who, if
- 2 the contests or matches are conducted during any school vacation,
- 3 has regularly attended a school during the preceding 100 days.
- 4 Sec. 3.06. PREFIGHT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION; PHYSICIAN IN
- 5 ATTENDANCE; AMATEUR BOXING OR FULL-CONTACT KARATE PROGRAMS. At all
- 6 amateur boxing or full-contact karate programs being promoted under
- 7 this article, or Section 8.35 of this Act, a physician must be in
- 8 attendance and all participants on the program must be given the
- 9 same prefight physical examination as all other amateur
- 10 participants are given in this state. Any club promoting an
- amateur program under these sections without having a physician in
- 12 attendance commits an offense. An offense under this section is a
- 13 Class B misdemeanor.
- 14 ARTICLE 4. LICENSING
- Sec. 4.01. JURISDICTION. (a) The commission has the sole
- 16 direction, management, and control of and jurisdiction over all
- 17 boxing contests, sparring and wrestling matches, and wrestling
- 18 exhibitions that are conducted, held, or given within this state.
- 19 (b) A boxing contest, sparring or wrestling match, or
- 20 wrestling exhibition may not be conducted, held, or given within
- 21 this state except in accordance with this Act.
- Sec. 4.02. JURISDICTION; AMATEUR BOXING CONTESTS. The
- 23 commission has the sole direction, management, and control of and
- 24 jurisdiction over all amateur boxing contests conducted in
- 25 accordance with this Act. Amateur boxing contests are subject to
- 26 this Act whether or not a fee is received for admission to the
- contests.

1 Sec. 4.03. INVESTIGATIONS OF APPLICATIONS; RECOMMENDATIONS.

2 The chief inspector in each district shall investigate all

3 applications for licenses from persons within his district. He

shall file a written recommendation over his signature with regard

5 to the granting of licenses. The chief inspector shall also, when

directed by the commission, investigate appeals from the denial by

the commission of any license and report his findings to the

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Sec. 4.04. LICENSING POWER. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, the commission has the sole direction, management, and control of and jurisdiction over all licenses issued to any person who participates in boxing contests, sparring or wrestling matches,

Sec. 4.05. CLUBS; EMPLOYEES CONNECTED WITH CONTESTS OR MATCHES; NECESSITY OF LICENSE. (a) The commission may license clubs to conduct, hold, or give, and may license referees, matchmakers, assistant matchmakers, announcers, ticket sellers, doormen, ushers, corporation treasurers, box-office employees, and timekeepers to participate in, or be employed in connection with, professional or amateur boxing contests, sparring or wrestling matches, or wrestling exhibitions.

(b) A club may not conduct, hold, or give, and a person performing tasks for which licensure is required by the commission may not participate in, or be employed in connection with, any professional or amateur boxing contests, sparring or wrestling matches, or wrestling exhibitions unless the club or person has been licensed for that purpose by the commission.

Sec. 4.06. CLUBS; FREE AMATEUR CONTESTS AND MATCHES; FEE; 1 2 TERM; NECESSITY. (a) The commission may license a club to conduct, hold, or give amateur boxing contests, sparring 3 or wrestling matches, or exhibitions, for which no admission fee is to 4 be received by the club, if the commission determines, 5 considering the public interest, that the club will promote and 6 protect the best interests of amateur 7 boxing and amateur 8 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the contestants. annual fee for such a license is \$3, payable at the time 9 application for the license is filed. A license issued under this 10 section shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of 11 issuance unless sooner revoked or suspended by the commission. 12

- (b) A club may not conduct, hold, or give any amateur boxing contests, sparring matches, or exhibitions, for which no admission fee is received, unless the club is licensed under this section.
- Sec. 4.07. PROFESSIONAL BOXERS AND WRESTLERS; AGENTS;
 MANAGERS; TRAINERS; SECONDS; NECESSITY. (a) The commission may
 license professional boxers, professional wrestlers, and booking
 agents, managers, trainers, and seconds of each.
- 20 (b) Such a person may not participate in any boxing contest,
 21 sparring or wrestling match, or wrestling exhibition or serve in
 22 the capacity of a booking agent, manager, trainer, or second,
 23 unless he has been licensed for that purpose by the commission.
- (c) In this section, "manager" means any person who does any of the following:
- 26 (1) by contract, agreement, or other arrangement with any 27 person who undertakes or has undertaken to represent in any way the

- 1 interest of any professional boxer in procuring or with respect to
- 2 the arrangement or conduct of, any professional boxing contest in
- 3 which the boxer is to participate as a contestant; except that the
- 4 term does not mean any attorney licensed to practice in this state
- 5 whose participation in activities is restricted to his representing
- 6 the interest of a professional boxer as his client;
- 7 (2) directs or controls the professional boxing activities
- 8 of any professional boxer;
- 9 (3) receives or is entitled to receive more than 10 percent
- of the gross purse of any professional boxer for any services
- 11 relating to the boxer's participation in a professional boxing
- 12 contest; or
- 13 (4) is an officer, director, or stockholder of any
- 14 corporation that receives or is entitled to receive more than 10
- 15 percent of the gross purse of any professional boxer for any
- services relating to the boxer's participation in a professional
- 17 boxing contest.
- 18 Sec. 4.08. CLUBS; REFUSAL; REVOCATION. (a) The commission
- 19 may not issue any license to conduct, hold, or give boxing
- 20 contests, sparring or wrestling matches, or wrestling exhibitions
- 21 to any club that has not complied with the conditions of this Act.
- 22 (b) The commission may revoke at any time a license issued
- 23 under this section if the licensee does not comply with the
- 24 conditions of this Act.
- 25 Sec. 4.09. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST; PERCENTAGE OF NET
- 26 RECEIPTS; REVOCATION; EXEMPTION OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATION. The
- 27 commission may not issue any license to conduct, hold, or give

- l boxing contests or sparring matches unless it is satisfied that the
- 2 licensee is the real party in interest, and intends to conduct,
- 3 hold, or give the contests or matches itself, or unless the
- 4 licensee receives at least 25 percent of the net receipts. A
- 5 license may be revoked at any time if the commission finds that the
- 6 licensee is not the real party in interest. This section does not
- 7 affect in any manner the exemption provided for in Section 6.04 of
- 8 this Act.
- 9 Sec. 4.10. APPLICATIONS; FORMS; VERIFICATION. Any
- 10 application for a license to conduct, hold, and give a boxing
- 11 contest, sparring or wrestling match, or wrestling exhibition must
- 12 be in writing, addressed to the commission, and verified by some
- officer of the club on whose behalf the application is made.
- Sec. 4.11. APPLICATIONS; RECITALS. Any application for a
- 15 license to conduct, hold, or give a boxing contest, sparring or
- 16 wrestling match, or wrestling exhibition must contain a recital of
- 17 facts showing compliance with this Act and, in addition, other
- 18 facts and recitals as the commission may by rule require.
- 19 Sec. 4.12. STATEMENT OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP; CLUB LICENSE. All
- 20 applications for club licenses must contain a true statement of all
- 21 persons connected with the club. Licensees shall submit for
- 22 approval to the commission any change at any time in the persons
- 23 connected with the club, including stockholders in any corporate
- 24 entity.
- Sec. 4.13. ANNUAL FEES; CONDUCTING CONTEST, MATCH, OR
- 26 EXHIBITION. (a) Any application for a license to conduct or give
- 27 a professional boxing contest, a sparring or wrestling match, or a

- wrestling exhibition must be accompanied by an annual fee of \$100.
- 2 (b) The fee for club licenses for amateur boxing contests is
- 3 \$25.
- 4 (c) The total annual fee must be paid for any license issued 5 between January 1 and March 31, both dates inclusive; three-fourths
- 6 of the annual fee must be paid for any license issued between April
- 7 1 and June 30, both dates inclusive; one-half the total annual fee
- 8 must be paid for any license issued between July 1 and September
- 9 30, both dates inclusive; one-fourth of the total annual fee must
- 10 be paid for any license issued between October 1 and December 31,
- 11 both dates inclusive. Every license expires at midnight on
- December 31 of the year in which it is issued.
- Sec. 4.14. ANNUAL FEES; INDIVIDUALS; EXPIRATION OF LICENSES.
- 14 (a) Each person who is an applicant for an annual license or for a
- renewal of a license must, before the license or renewal is issued,
- 16 pay to the commission a license fee as follows: professional
- 17 referees, \$60; amateur boxing referees, \$25; professional and
- amateur judges, \$20; timekeepers, \$10; professional boxers, \$20;
- professional wrestlers, \$20; managers, \$60; trainers, \$20; seconds,
- 20 \$20; matchmakers, \$60; assistant matchmakers, \$60; wrestling
- 21 booking agents, \$100. The charge for a duplicate of a license is
- 22 \$5.
- 23 (b) Every license expires at midnight on December 31 of the
- 24 year in which it is issued.
- Sec. 4.15. STATEMENT OF PERSONS CONNECTED WITH MANAGEMENT;
- 26 MANAGER'S LICENSE. An application for a boxing manager's license
- 27 must contain a true statement of all persons connected with the

- 1 management. Licensees shall submit for approval to the commission
- 2 any change at any time in the persons connected with the
- 3 management, including stockholders in any corporate entity.
- Sec. 4.16. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION; REASONS; REVIEW.
- 5 Licenses issued under this Act may be suspended or revoked by the
- 6 commission upon such cause as it deems sufficient. If any license
- 7 is suspended or revoked, the commission shall publicly state its
- 8 reasons for so doing and cause an entry of the reasons to be made
- 9 on the minute book of the commission.
- 10 Sec. 4.17. PROMOTER OR MATCHMAKER MANAGING BOXER;
- 11 SUSPENSION. The license of any promoter or matchmaker found guilty
- of managing a boxer shall be suspended or revoked and, in the case
- of a promoter, his club license shall also be suspended or revoked.
- 14 Sec. 4.18. BASIS FOR GRANTING LICENSE. If in the judgment
- of the commission the financial responsibility, experience,
- 16 character, and general fitness of an applicant for a license or a
- 17 renewal of a license, including in the case of a corporation its
- 18 officers and stockholders, are such that the participation of the
- applicant will be consistent with the public interest, convenience,
- 20 or necessity, and with the best interest of boxing and wrestling
- 21 generally and in conformity with the purposes of this Act, the
- 22 commission may grant a license in accordance with this Act.
- Sec. 4.19. RULES AND REGULATIONS. Every club or person
- 24 licensed under this Act is subject to the rules and regulations
- that the commission may prescribe.
- Sec. 4.20. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION. The commission, the
- 27 executive officer, or other employee authorized by the commission

- 1 may suspend temporarily any license until final determination by 2
- the commission if in his opinion the action is necessary to protect

the public welfare and the best interest of boxing and wrestling.

- The suspension may be without advance hearing, but the suspended 4
- 5 licensee may apply to the commission for a hearing on the matter to
- determine if the suspension should be revoked. The application for 6
- a hearing must be in writing and must be received by the commission 7
- 8 not later than the 30th day after the date of suspension. Upon
- 9 receipt of the written request the commission shall set the matter
- 10 for hearing not later than the 30th day after the day the request
- 11 is received.

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- 12 Sec. 4.21. REVOCATION; MATCH BY BOXER SUSPENDED FOR PHYSICAL
- 13 REASONS; MANAGER; HEARING. (a) If any boxer whose license has
- been suspended because he has been knocked out or because of any 14
- 15 physical injury which he has suffered, engages as a contestant
- 16 any boxing contest or match in any other jurisdiction during the
- 17 period of the suspension of his license, his license shall
- 18 revoked by the commission. If the manager who represented in any
- way the interest of the boxer in procuring, or with respect to the
- arrangement or conduct of, the boxing contest or match is licensed 20
- in this state, the commission shall also revoke the license of the 21
- 22 manager.

- 23 (b) All persons who have had their licenses revoked under
- 24 this section are entitled to a hearing before the commission under
- 25 Section 4.20 of this Act. At the hearing the commission shall
- 26 determine the merits of the revocation and its duration.
- 27 Sec. 4.22. PROFESSIONAL BOXERS' TRAINING GYMNASIUMS;

- 1 LICENSE; APPLICATION; FEE. (a) A person may not conduct or
- 2 operate a professional boxers' training gymnasium unless he has a
- 3 license issued by the commission under this Act.
- 4 (b) Any application to conduct or operate a professional
- 5 boxers' gymnasium must contain a recital of facts showing
- 6 compliance with this Act and, in addition, other facts and recitals
- 7 as the commission may by rule require.
- 8 (c) The commission shall fix a fee, not to exceed \$75 a
- 9 year, for the license.
- 10 (d) This section does not apply to a training camp
- 11 established by a professional boxer for his sole use.
- 12 (e) In this Act:
- 13 (1) "Professional boxers' training gymnasium" means a
- 14 gymnasium, the principal business of which is the providing of
- 15 training facilities for professional boxers and in which either or
- 16 both of the following occur:
- 17 (A) a fee is charged to professional boxers for the use of
- 18 the gymnasium facilities; or
- 19 (B) a fee is charged to persons who view the training of
- 20 professional boxers.
- 21 (2) "Principal business" means the use of the gymnasium for
- 22 the providing of training facilities for professional boxers that
- 23 accounts for either more than 50 percent of the annual gross income
- of the gymnasium or more than 50 percent of its total use.
- 25 ARTICLE 5. BOND
- Sec. 5.01. AMOUNT; SURETY; CONDITIONS. (a) Before any
- 27 license is granted to any club to conduct, hold, or give a boxing

- 1 contest or a sparring match, other than an amateur boxing contest 2 or sparring match, or to conduct, hold, or give a wrestling match 3 or a wrestling exhibition, the applicant must file a bond of \$10,000 with good and sufficient surety with the commission, 4 5 conditioned on the faithful performance by the club of 6 provisions of this Act and the payment of the taxes imposed. one bond, or cash or equivalent surety, is required of a club 7 regardless of the number of licenses held as long as no two events 8 9 are staged by that club on the same date.
- 10 (b) Before any license is granted to any club to conduct, 11 hold, or give an amateur boxing contest, or sparring or wrestling 12 match, for which an admission fee is received, the applicant must 13 file a bond of not less than \$1,000 with good and sufficient surety 14 with the commission, conditioned on the faithful performance by the club of the provisions of this Act and the payment of taxes 15 16 imposed. Only one bond, or cash or equivalent surety, is required 17 of a club regardless of the number of licenses held as long as no two events are staged by that club on the same date. 18
 - (c) The professional and amateur club bonds must guarantee, in order of priority, the payment of all taxes due and payable to the state, the payment of contributions for medical insurance or for an emergency medical fund and to the pension and disability fund, the payment of the purses to the competitors, and the repayment to consumers of purchased tickets. The circumstances and allocations of bond payment shall be determined by the commission.
- Sec. 5.02. DEFAULT; CIVIL PENALTY; ACTION; DISPOSITION OF RECOVERY. In case of default in a performance by any club licensed

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- under this Act, the commission may impose upon the delinquent club 1
- a civil penalty in the sum of not more than \$1,000 for each 2
- offense, which may be recovered by the attorney general in the name 3
- of the state in the same manner as other civil penalties are
- recovered by law and which shall be deposited in the state treasury 5
- to the credit of the general revenue fund. 6
- 7 ARTICLE 6. REVENUE
- 8 Sec. 6.01. TICKETS; PRICE; NUMBER. All tickets of admission
- to any boxing contest, sparring or wrestling match, or wrestling 9
- exhibition shall have printed clearly upon the face the purchase 10
- price of the ticket and the tickets may not be sold for more than 11
- 12 that price. The number of the ticket shall be printed clearly on
- 13 both ends of the ticket.
- 14 Sec. 6.02. FINANCIAL REPORTS; ADMISSIONS TAX. Except as
- provided by Section 6.04 of this Act, every club licensed under 15
- this Act shall, within 72 hours after the determination of every 16
- 17 contest, match, or exhibition for which an admission fee is charged
- 18 and received, furnish to the commission a written report duly
- verified by one of its officers, showing the number of tickets 19
- issued or sold for the contest, match, or exhibition, the amount of 20
- the gross receipts or value of the contest, match, or exhibition, 21
- and the gross price charged directly or indirectly and no matter by
- whom received for the sale, lease, or other exploitation of 23
- 24 broadcasting and television rights of the contest, match, or
- 26 the announcer, telephone line connection, incurred for

exhibition, and without any deductions, except for

- 27 transmission mobile equipment facility, that may be deducted

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1 the gross base taxable when the expense is shown as an indirect overhead or loss and is approved by the commission. The club shall 2 also, within the same time, pay to the commission a tax, exclusive 3 of any federal taxes paid, of one cent for each 20 cents or fraction of 20 cents, except for professional boxing clubs, which 5 shall pay one cent for each 50 cents or fraction of 50 cents, of 7 the amount paid for admission to the contest, match, or exhibition, and of the gross price as described above for the sale, 8 other exploitation of broadcasting or television rights, except 9 10 that in no case may the tax be less than \$25. admissions applies to the amount actually paid for admission and 11 12 not to the regular established price. No tax is due in the case of a person admitted free of charge. 13

14 Sec. 6.03. PRESENCE OF INSPECTOR OR OTHER EMPLOYEE. An inspector or other employee duly authorized by the commission shall 15 be present at all contests and matches and shall be present at 16 exhibitions, shall see that the rules are strictly observed, 17 18 shall also be present at the counting of the gross receipts from the contests and matches. 19 The inspector or other authorized by the commission is authorized to assist 20 in the counting of tickets and in the computation of the tax due 21 22 any other action necessary for the administration and take enforcement of this Act. 23 The inspector or other employee 24 authorized by the commission shall immediately mail to the commission the official statement of gross receipts received by him 25 26 from the officers of the club.

Sec. 6.04. EXEMPTIONS; VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS. No tax

- 1 shall be levied or collected under this Act on the receipts of a
- 2 boxing contest, sparring or wrestling match, or wrestling
- 3 exhibition all the proceeds or net earnings of which inure
- 4 exclusively to the benefit of any post of the American Legion or
- 5 any other recognized organization of veterans of any war of the
- 6 United States and not to the benefit of any individual member of
- 7 the organization.
- 8 Sec. 6.05. DELINQUENT FINANCIAL REPORT; EXAMINATION.
- 9 Whenever any club fails to make a report of any contest, match, or
- 10 wrestling exhibition within the period prescribed by this Act or
- 11 whenever the report is unsatisfactory to the commission, the
- 12 executive officer may examine or cause to be examined the books and
- 13 records of the club and subpoena and examine under oath its
- 14 officers and other persons as witnesses for the purpose of
- determining the total amount of its gross receipts for any contest,
- 16 match, or wrestling exhibition and the amount of tax due under this
- 17 Act, which tax he may, as the result of the examination, fix and
- 18 determine.

- Sec. 6.06. TAX DELINQUENCY; FORFEITURE OF LICENSE; CIVIL
- 20 PENALTY. In case of default in the payment of any tax ascertained
- 21 to be due under this Act, together with the expenses incurred in
- 22 making the examination, for a period of 30 days after the day
- 23 notice is given to the delinquent club of the amount fixed by the

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25 commission, forfeit its license and is disqualified from receiving

club shall, without action by

- any new license or any renewal of license. It shall, in addition,
- 27 forfeit to the state the sum of \$500, which may be recovered by the

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officer,

- 1 attorney general in the name of the state, in the same manner as
- 2 other civil penalties are by law recovered.
- 3 Sec. 6.07. MANAGER; WRITTEN REPORT. A manager of a
- 4 professional boxer licensed under this Act shall, in every quarter
- of the calendar year, furnish a written report to the commission
- showing all of the following with respect to each contest in which
- 7 the professional boxer has participated in this state during the
- 8 preceding quarter:
- 9 (1) training expenses;
 - (2) amount of money actually paid to the boxer;
- 11 (3) amount of money which the manager received from the
- 12 purse; and

- 13 (4) amount of money owed to the manager by the boxer.
- 14 ARTICLE 7. CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELECAST REVENUE
- Sec. 7.01. DEFINITIONS. In this article:
- 16 (1) "Contest, match, or exhibition" means a boxing or
- 17 wrestling contest, match, or exhibition.
- 18 (2) "Person" includes an individual club, firm, corporation,
- 19 partnership, or organization.
- 20 (3) "Closed-circuit telecast" includes any telecast or
- 21 broadcast, transmitted by any means, including subscription where
- 22 an extra or additional fee is charged, except a franchised cable
- 23 television system, where an identifiable or particular fee is
- 24 charged for the viewing within this state of a simultaneous
- 25 telecast of any live, current, or spontaneous boxing or sparring
- 26 match, or wrestling exhibition or performance.
- 27 Sec. 7.02. PERMIT FOR SIMULTANEOUS TELECAST. (a) No

- 1 person, except a franchised cable television system, shall charge
- 2 or receive an admission fee for exhibiting a simultaneous telecast
- 3 of any live, current, or spontaneous boxing or sparring match, or
- 4 wrestling exhibition or performance, on a closed-circuit telecast
- 5 viewed within this state without a permit therefor issued by the
- 6 commission.
- 7 (b) Application for the permit must be on a form supplied by
- 8 the commission and must contain information as the commission
- 9 considers necessary, including the locations where the telecasts
- 10 are to be viewed. The permit shall be issued without charge. The
- 11 permit may be denied only for the following reasons:
- 12 (1) that the information required by the commission is not
- 13 supplied by the applicant; or
- 14 (2) that the applicant is currently in default on the
- payment of any taxes or fees required by this article.
- Sec. 7.03. REPORT BY EXHIBITOR; CONTENTS; TAX. Every
- 17 person, except a franchised cable television system, who charges
- 18 and receives a fee for exhibiting a simultaneous telecast of any
- 19 live, current, or spontaneous boxing or sparring match, or
- 20 wrestling exhibition or performance on a closed-circuit telecast
- viewed within this state shall, within 72 hours after the event,
- 22 furnish to the commission a verified written report on a form which
- 23 is supplied by the commission showing the number of tickets or
- 24 subscriptions where an extra or additional fee is charged for the
- viewing, that were issued or sold, and the gross receipts therefor
- 26 without any deductions whatsoever. The person shall also, at the
- 27 same time, pay to the commission a tax, exclusive of federal taxes,

- 1 one cent for each 20 cents or fraction of 20 cents, of the 2 amount paid for admission or subscription telecast, as defined by 3 Section 7.01 of this Act, to the showing or viewing of the contest, match, or exhibition. In no event, however, may the tax be less 5 than \$25. The tax shall apply uniformly at the same rate to persons subject to the tax. The tax on admission applies to the 6 7 amount actually paid for admission, and not to the regular established price. No tax is due in the case of a person admitted 8
- 10 Sec. 7.04. OBSERVER AT DETERMINATION OF GROSS RECORDS OF RECEIPTS OF TELECAST OR BROADCAST BY SUBSCRIPTION; 11 12 AVAILABILITY TO COMMISSION. A representative of the commission 13 be present at and observe the computation of the number of tickets issued or sold and the determination of the gross receipts. 14 Where a telecast or broadcast is accomplished by subscription, 15 16 records in support of the receipts must be made available to the 17 commission upon request.
- 18 Sec. 7.05. FAILURE TO REPORT: UNSATISFACTORY 19 EXAMINATION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS, ETC.; DETERMINATION OF TAX. 20 Whenever any person fails to make a report of a closed-circuit 21 television showing of any contest, match, or exhibition within the period prescribed by Section 7.03 of this Act or whenever the 22 23 report is unsatisfactory to the commission, the executive officer 24 may examine or cause to be examined the books and records of the person and subpoena and examine under oath the person or its 25 26 officers and other persons as witnesses for the purpose 27 determining the total amount of the gross receipts of

free of charge.

- 1 closed-circuit television showing of any contest, match, or
- 2 exhibition and the amount of tax due under this article, which tax
- 3 he may, as the result of the examination, fix and determine.
- 4 Sec. 7.06. ACTION TO RECOVER TAX. In case of default in the
- 5 payment of any tax ascertained to be due under this article, for a
- 6 period of 30 days after the day notice is given to the delinquent
- 7 person of the amount fixed by the executive officer, the attorney
- 8 general, in the name of the state, may institute an action to
- 9 recover the amount of tax determined to be due.
- 10 Sec. 7.07. DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF PERMIT IN EVENT OF DEFAULT
- 11 IN PAYMENT OF TAX. In case of default in the payment of any tax
- 12 ascertained to be due under this article, the commission may refuse
- 13 to issue a permit to conduct another telecast to any person so
- defaulting, regardless of whether the application for the permit is
- made solely in the name of the person or together with others.
- Sec. 7.08. VIOLATION; MISDEMEANOR. A person commits an
- offense if the person violates any provision of this article. An
- offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.
- 19 ARTICLE 8. REGULATION
- Sec. 8.01. BUILDINGS; SAFETY AND CONFORMANCE TO LAWS,
- ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS. All buildings or structures used or
- 22 intended to be used for holding or giving boxing contests, sparring
- or wrestling matches, or wrestling exhibitions shall be safe and
- 24 shall in all manner conform to the laws, ordinances, and
- 25 regulations pertaining to buildings in the city or unincorporated
- 26 county area where the building or structure is situated.
- Sec. 8.02. PARTICIPANTS. Every contestant in an amateur

- 1 boxing contest or sparring match must be a registered amateur in
- 2 the district in which he resides and must be examined by a
- 3 physician immediately before the contest.
- 4 Sec. 8.03. PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES; EXCLUSION FROM AMATEUR
- 5 CONTESTS. No person shall appear as a contestant in any amateur
- boxing contest or sparring match who, before the contest or match,
- 7 has received any compensation or reward, except for actual expenses
- 8 or trophies, in any form for displaying, exercising, or giving any
- 9 example of his skill in or knowledge of boxing exercises, or for
- 10 rendering services of any kind to any boxing organization or to any
- 11 person or persons as trainer, coach, instructor, or otherwise, or
- who shall have been employed in any manner professionally by reason
- of his boxing skill or knowledge.
- 14 Sec. 8.04. WEIGHT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONTESTANTS. No boxing
- 15 contest or sparring match shall be allowed in which the difference
- in weight of the respective contestants exceeds 12 pounds. This
- 17 provision does not apply to boxers who weigh more than 175 pounds.
- 18 Sec. 8.05. PERFORMANCE CARD. The commission shall furnish
- 19 each licensed boxer with a performance card upon which shall be
- 20 recorded the number of fights in which the boxer has participated
- 21 in this state. This information shall be endorsed on the card by
- 22 the inspector after the licensee has completed his bout for that
- 23 particular time. This card must be in the possession of the
- 24 licensee and shown to the inspector before the licensee may be
- 25 permitted to participate in the contest.
- Sec. 8.06. GLOVE WEIGHTS, EQUIPMENT STANDARDS, AND LENGTH OF
- 27 ROUND AND CONTEST DURATION MAXIMUMS. Notwithstanding any other

- 1 provision of law, the commission shall establish glove weights,
- 2 equipment standards, and length of round and contest duration
- 3 maximums within the legal maximums set forth by law in order to
- 4 protect the health and safety of the boxing contestants.
- 5 Sec. 8.07. GLOVES; PADDING. All gloves used by contestants
- 6 in boxing contests or sparring matches shall be constructed so that
- 7 the soft padding between the outside coverings is evenly
- 8 distributed over the back of the gloves and covers the knuckles and
- 9 back of the hands.
- 10 Sec. 8.08. BANDAGES. No contestant in any amateur boxing
- 11 contest or sparring match shall use any bandage on his hand or arm
- 12 except soft surgical bandages not over two inches wide and 10 yards
- in length for each hand and one winding of surgeon's adhesive tape
- 14 not over 1-1/2 inches wide placed directly on the hand to protect
- 15 that part of the hand near the wrist and this may cross the back of
- 16 the hand twice, but not extend within one inch of the knuckles.
- Sec. 8.09. ROUNDS; NUMBER; LENGTH; REST PERIOD. No boxing
- 18 contest or sparring match shall be more than 12 rounds of not more
- 19 than three minutes each in length, except that championship matches
- 20 may, if approval of the commission is first obtained, be 15 rounds
- of not more than three minutes each in length. There shall be one
- 22 minute rest between consecutive rounds. Except as provided by this
- 23 section, no boxer shall be allowed to participate in more than 12
- 24 rounds within 12 consecutive hours.
- Sec. 8.10. ROUNDS; NUMBER; LIMITATION BY COMMISSION. The
- 26 commission may, in respect to any boxing contest or in respect to
- 27 any class of contestants, limit the number of rounds within the

- 1 maximum.
- 2 Sec. 8.11. ROUNDS; AMATEUR CONTESTS; NUMBER; REST PERIOD.
- 3 (a) No amateur boxing contest or sparring match shall be more than
- 4 four rounds, of not more than two minutes each, or three rounds of
- 5 three minutes each, in length.
- 6 (b) The interval between each round shall be one minute.
- 7 Sec. 8.12. PHYSICIAN; ATTENDANCE; EXAMINATION; REPORT; FEE.
- 8 (a) Every club holding a license to conduct boxing contests or to
- 9 conduct sparring or wrestling matches shall have in attendance at
- 10 its own expense at every boxing contest or sparring or wrestling
- 11 match a physician approved by the commission who has had not less
- than three years' medical practice, who shall observe the physical
- 13 condition of the boxers and wrestlers, and advise the referee with
- 14 regard to their physical condition.
- 15 (b) One hour before the boxers or wrestlers enter the ring
- 16 the physician shall certify in writing over his signature, as to
- 17 the boxers' or wrestlers' physical condition to engage in the
- 18 contest or match. A report of the medical examinations shall be
- 19 filed with the commission not later than the 24th hour after the
- 20 termination of a contest or match. The physician's report of the
- 21 examination shall include specific mention as to the condition of
- the boxer's or wrestler's heart, nerves, and brain.
- 23 (c) The services of the club physician or physicians shall
- 24 be paid according to a schedule of fees adopted by the commission.
- 25 These fees shall be paid by the club to the commission and the
- 26 commission shall remit the payment to the physician.
- 27 Sec. 8.13. SPECIAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION; EXPENSE. In its

- 1 discretion the commission may order a special medical examination
- 2 to be given any applicant for a license or any licensee, the report
- 3 of which examination shall be made to the commission. The expense
- 4 of this special examination shall be paid by the commission.
- 5 Sec. 8.14. MEETINGS TO STUDY MEDICAL AND SAFETY STANDARDS.
- 6 For the purpose of studying and adopting proper medical and safety
- 7 standards for the conduct of boxing and wrestling, the commission
- 8 may call meetings at times and places it considers appropriate with
- 9 any licensed physicians and surgeons it considers necessary. The
- 10 commission is authorized to pay the actual and necessary traveling
- 11 and other expenses of these physicians and surgeons while in
- 12 attendance at these meetings.
- Sec. 8.15. REFEREE; ATTENDANCE; DUTIES. At each boxing
- 14 contest or sparring match a licensed referee shall be in attendance
- 15 who shall direct and control.
- Sec. 8.16. REFEREES; DUTIES. The promoters of a wrestling
- 17 exhibition shall provide a referee to manage the exhibition and to
- 18 maintain order and protect the safety of participants and the
- 19 audience.
- Sec. 8.17. SECONDS. Before starting a boxing contest or
- 21 sparring match the referee shall ascertain from each contestant the
- 22 name of his chief second, and shall hold the chief second
- 23 responsible for the conduct of his assistant seconds during the
- 24 progress of the contest or match.
- Sec. 8.18. STOPPING CONTEST; CONTESTANT OUTCLASSED. The
- 26 referee shall stop the contest or match when either of the
- contestants shows a marked superiority or is apparently outclassed.

- Sec. 8.19. RABBIT OR KIDNEY PUNCHES; DETERMINATION; TIME
- 2 PENALTY. (a) A professional boxer who intentionally hits the
- 3 other contestant with a rabbit punch or with a punch on that part
- 4 of the body over the kidneys in a professional boxing contest shall
- 5 be penalized by loss of a point or a fraction of a point for each
- 6 punch.
- 7 (b) Determination that a boxer has violated this section
- 8 shall be made at the end of the round in which the violation
- 9 occurred and prior to the next round by the referee or, if judges
- 10 are used in conjunction with the referee, by any two officials.
- 11 Upon the determination, each official shall penalize the boxer
- 12 under Subsection (a) of this section.
- 13 (c) Upon a determination that this section has been
- violated, the referee shall inform both boxers and their managers
- 15 at the end of the round in which the violation occurs and prior to
- 16 the next round, and inform the audience of the penalty assessed.
- 17 In any such case, the rest period prescribed by Section 8.09 of
- 18 this Act may be extended at the direction of the referee.
- 19 Sec. 8.20. REFEREES; ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS;
- 20 DISCIPLINE. Referees of boxing contests shall enforce the rules
- 21 and regulations of the commission. The commission shall, under the
- 22 authority given it by Sections 4.04, 4.05, 4.16, and 4.20 of this
- 23 Act, discipline referees of boxing contests who fail to enforce the
- 24 commission's rules and regulations.
- Sec. 8.21. DECISION; USE OF JUDGES. The referee shall
- 26 render his decision at the termination of all boxing contests or
- 27 sparring matches or exhibitions which are of 15 rounds or less.

The commission may require that judges be used in conjunction with 1

2 referee at any boxing contest, sparring match, or exhibition.

Sec. 8.22. LIABILITY OF REFEREES AND OTHER BOXING OFFICIALS. 3

Referees and other boxing officials appointed or approved by the

commission and while performing duties required by this Act or by

the commission shall be entitled to any rights and immunities

granted by law generally to public employees. This section does

not affect, create, or destroy any rights or obligations of any 8

public or private employer of a referee or other boxing official.

Sec. 8.23. FORFEITURE OF PURSE. The commission or 10

executive officer or any other employee authorized by

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commission shall have the power to order the promoter to withhold

any purse, or any part of a purse, or any receipts or other funds belonging to or payable to any contestant or for which any

contestant is competing or the share of any manager, if it should

appear that the contestant is not competing honestly, 16

intentionally not competing to the best of his ability and skill or 17

if it should appear that the contestant, his manager, or any of his

seconds has violated this Act or the rules and regulations adopted

under this Act. This section does not, however, authorize the

withholding of any compensation that is payable to any wrestler in

any wrestling exhibition because it appears that the wrestler

not competing honestly, or is intentionally not competing to the

24 best of his ability and skill.

Sec. 8.24. HEARING. Any purse, or portion of 25

withheld shall be delivered by the promoter to the commission upon

demand. Not later than the 10th day after the day on which the 27

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- the licensee from whom the sum was withheld shall 1 contest ends,
- have the right to apply in writing to the commission for a hearing. 2
- 3 Upon receipt of the application, the commission shall fix a date
- 4 for a hearing.
- 5 Sec. 8.25. DETERMINATION OF DISPOSITION OF PURSE. Within a
- 6 reasonable time after the hearing or after the expiration of 10
- 7 days following the day of the contest, if no application for a
- 8 hearing is filed, the commission shall meet and determine the
- 9 disposition to be made of the withheld purse.
- 10 Sec. 8.26. WITHHOLDING OF PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL PURSE PAYABLE
- 11 TO CONTESTANT; PAYMENT UPON PRESENTATION OF ITEMIZED STATEMENT
- 12 EXPENSES. The commission or the executive officer or any other
- 13 employee duly authorized by the commission shall have the power to
- order the promoter to withhold 10 percent of the total purse 14
- payable to a contestant if the manager of the contestant does not 15
- present an itemized statement of expenses, incurred in connection

with the contest, at the time the promoter is to pay the purse.

- The money withheld shall be paid to the commission and shall be 18
- 19 held in trust for payment to the contestant or his manager upon
- 20 presentation by the manager to the commission of the itemized
- 21 statement of expenses.

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- 22 Sec. 8.27. PREPAYMENT; RESTRICTIONS. No boxer or wrestler
- 23 shall be paid for service before a contest, except that a club may,
- 24 with the permission of the commission, advance to a boxer or
- 25 wrestler before services are rendered up to \$1,000 plus any
- necessary transportation 26 and living expenses. However, the
- advance, except transportation and living expenses, may not exceed 27

1 20 percent of the boxer's or wrestler's purse.

Sec. 8.28. PAYMENT IN PRESENCE OF INSPECTOR OR COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE. No boxer or his manager shall be paid for the services of the boxer except in the presence of an inspector or other authorized representative of the commission and the authorized representative of the commission shall report to the commission any payment not in accordance with the provisions of the contract on file with the commission.

Sec. 8.29. AMATEUR CONTESTS OR MATCHES; MEDALS OR TROPHIES; PAYMENTS. A medal or trophy may be awarded to each contestant in any amateur boxing contest or sparring match not to exceed in value the sum of \$100. The medal or trophy shall have engraved on it the name of the winner and the date of the event. No portion of any admission fee or fees charged or received for any amateur boxing contest or sparring match may be paid or given to any contestant in the amateur boxing contest or sparring match either directly or indirectly, nor may any gift be given to or received by the contestant for participating in the boxing contest or sparring match except the medal or trophy or actual expenses as permitted by Section 11.03 of this Act.

Sec. 8.30. CLUBS; FINANCIAL INTEREST IN BOXER OR WRESTLER.

No club nor any member or stockholder of a club may have, either directly or indirectly, any financial interest in a boxer or wrestler competing, or in any wrestler participating in any wrestling exhibition, on premises owned or leased by the club or on premises in which the club, member, or stockholder is otherwise interested.

- 1 Sec. 8.31. AMATEUR CONTESTS OR MATCHES; PROHIBITED
- 2 ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT. No amateur boxing contest or sparring
- 3 match may be held in conjunction with vaudeville shows, dances, or
- 4 entertainments of any sort.
- 5 Sec. 8.32. KICKBOXING MATCHES AND CONTESTS; EXHIBITIONS, LAW
- 6 GOVERNING. (a) The commission shall by rule and regulation
- 7 regulate kickboxing matches and contests, which shall be fought on
- 8 the basis of the best effort of the contestants, and kickboxing
- 9 exhibitions, which need not be fought on the basis of the best
- 10 effort of the contestants.
- 11 (b) Kickboxing exhibitions shall be governed by Article 9 of
- 12 this Act, relating to wrestling exhibitions, except that the
- 13 regulations shall apply to "kickboxing exhibitions" rather than
- "wrestling exhibitions."
- 15 (c) The commission shall by rule and regulation prescribe
- 16 the length or duration of kickboxing matches and contests, the
- manner in which the contestants or participants shall engage in the
- 18 matches and contests, and further safeguards and conditions as
- 19 shall ensure fair, sportsmanlike, and scientific kickboxing
- 20 contests and matches.
- Sec. 8.33. REGULATION OF FULL-CONTACT KARATE MATCHES AND
- 22 CONTESTS. (a) The commission shall by rule and regulation
- 23 regulate professional and amateur full-contact karate matches and
- 24 contests, which shall be fought on the basis of the best effort of
- 25 the contestants.
- 26 (b) Professional and amateur full-contact karate exhibitions
- 27 shall be governed by provisions in Article 9 of this Act, relating

- to wrestling exhibitions, except that the regulations shall apply
- 2 to "professional and amateur full-contact karate exhibitions"
- 3 rather than "wrestling exhibitions."
- (c) The commission shall by rule and regulation prescribe length or duration of professional and amateur full-contact karate matches and contests, the manner in which the contestants or 6 participants shall engage in the matches and contests, and further 7 safeguards and conditions as shall ensure fair, sportsmanlike, and 8 scientific professional and amateur full-contact karate contests 9 10 and matches. The commission shall approve all protective gear. professional or amateur full-contact karate match, contest, or 11 exhibition shall be conducted unless each participant uses approved 12 protective gear on the hands and feet of the participant. 13
- (d) Every contestant in an amateur full-contact karate contest or sparring match under the age of 18 years shall wear an approved protective headgear.
- 17 (e) Any professional or amateur full-contact karate contest
 18 conforming to the rules, regulations, and requirements of this Act
 19 is considered a professional or amateur full-contact karate contest
 20 and not a prizefight.
- (f) The licensed promoter shall be the real party in interest and shall receive at least 25 percent of the net receipts of any contest to qualify as the real party in interest. Upon a finding by the commission that the licensed promoter is not the real party in interest for the event, the commission may revoke the promoter's license.
- 27 (g) The commission may not function as a sanctioning body

- nor shall it grant titles to fighters or to individual events.
- 2 This function shall be retained by full-contact karate amateur or
- 3 professional associations operating on a local, statewide,
- 4 regional, national, or international level who shall, when
- 5 operating in this state, observe the rules and regulations that
- 6 have been set forth by the commission. The commission may seek
- 7 counsel from the advisory committee as to the validity of any
- 8 association wishing to grant state titles in order to protect the
- 9 public from advertising misrepresentations.
- (h) While full-contact karate, wrestling, and boxing are all
- 11 fighting sports subject to licensing in this state, the legislature
- 12 recognizes that full-contact karate is an entirely separate sport.
- (i) It is the intent of the legislature that persons or
- 14 clubs who possess boxing promoters' licenses and wrestling
- promoters' licenses should, to the fullest extent possible, subject
- 16 to their contractual obligations with respect to the conduct of
- boxing or wrestling matches, contests, or other legitimate rentals,
- for sports or other events, make their premises available for lease
- 19 or rental by persons or clubs holding professional or amateur
- 20 full-contact karate promoters' licenses for the conduct of
- 21 professional or amateur full-contact karate programs.
- Sec. 8.34. NONCONTACT AND LIGHT-CONTACT KARATE; EXEMPTION.
- 23 All noncontact and light-contact karate, martial arts instruction,
- 24 martial arts schools, intraclub noncontact and light-contact
- 25 martial arts matches, interclub noncontact and light-contact
- 26 martial arts matches, A.A.U. and all other amateur martial arts
- 27 matches or contests shall, notwithstanding any other provision of

- 1 law, be exempt from the provisions of this section and Sections
- 2 8.33, 8.35, and 8.36 of this Act.
- 3 Sec. 8.35. KARATE ACTIVITIES EXEMPTED. This Act does not
- 4 apply to:
- 5 (1) any full-contact karate contest or sparring match
- 6 conducted under the supervision and control of the National Guard
- 7 if all of the contestants are members of the National Guard; or
- 8 (2) any amateur karate match or contest conducted by or
- 9 participated in exclusively by any school, college, or university
- or by any association or organization composed exclusively of
- 11 schools, colleges, or universities if each contestant in the
- 12 contest or match is a bona fide student regularly enrolled for not
- 13 less than one-half time in a school, college, or university.
- 14 Sec. 8.36. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON KARATE. (a) The
- 15 commission may appoint an advisory committee to advise the
- 16 commission upon the administration of this section and Sections
- 17 8.33, 8.34, and 8.35 of this Act.
- 18 (b) The advisory committee shall be composed entirely of
- 19 individuals residing in this state who have, prior to their
- 20 appointment, been a promoter, fighter, trainer, manager, or
- 21 official in publicly held, full-contact karate events either in
- 22 this state, nationally, or internationally. Proof of qualification
- 23 to serve shall be required by the commission and may be viewed,
- 24 upon request, by others serving or appointed to serve on the
- 25 committee.
- 26 (c) If the advisory committee seeks medical or legal advice,
- 27 the counsel may be sought from doctors or lawyers familiar with the

- 1 question or with the sport in general. The doctors or lawyers,
- while they may be invited by the chairman to attend a specific
- 3 meeting, may not be appointed to serve as advisory committee
- 4 members.
- 5 (d) The advisory committee may elect its own officers.
- 6 Sec. 8.37. AMATEUR CONTESTS OR MATCHES; DISABILITY
- 7 INSURANCE. No amateur boxing contests, sparring matches, or
- 8 exhibitions shall be held on the same program as professional
- 9 boxing contests, sparring matches, or exhibitions unless the
- 10 promoter of the professional boxing contest, sparring match, or
- 11 exhibition has provided, if feasible, disability insurance for the
- amateurs as provided by Section 12.04 of this Act.
- Sec. 8.38. THROWING OBJECT OR THING AT RING DURING CONTEST
- OR MATCH; MISDEMEANOR. Any person who throws any object or thing
- 15 at the ring during a boxing contest or match commits an offense.
- An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.
- 17 Sec. 8.39. THROWING OBJECT OR THING AT RING DURING CONTEST
- OR MATCH; POSTING OF NOTICE. A notice in English and Spanish shall
- 19 be posted in public view at every place that a boxing contest or
- 20 match is held that it is unlawful to throw any object or thing at
- 21 the ring during a boxing contest or match.
- Sec. 8.40. TRAINING SPARRER; PERMIT; NECESSITY. (a) No
- 23 professional boxer licensed under this Act shall spar for training
- 24 purposes with any person not licensed as a professional boxer or
- 25 who does not have a valid permit as a training sparrer, nor shall
- 26 any person licensed under this Act conduct, hold, or permit any
- 27 such sparring.

- 1 (b) The commission shall issue, without fee, a permit to 2 spar with professional boxers as a training sparrer. The permit 3 shall be issued only to persons who meet the standards of medical
- 4 health and physical condition required for a license as a
- 5 professional boxer.

ARTICLE 9. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR

WRESTLING EXHIBITIONS

- Sec. 9.01. NOTICE ON ADVERTISING MATERIAL AND TICKETS. 8 signs, posters, or other printed advertising for, and every ticket 9 10 of admission to, any wrestling exhibition shall contain on its face the following statement, or words of similar import, in type that 11 12 is clearly legible and not less than half as large as the largest 13 type which is used in the advertising matter or on the ticket of admission, but in no event shall this require that the notice be 14 15 printed in larger than 12-point type:
- 16 NOTICE
- This will be a wrestling exhibition.
- Sec. 9.02. VERBAL NOTICE. Before the commencement of any wrestling exhibition, the referee or announcer shall give the same notice verbally as is required by Section 9.01 of this Act to be printed on advertising matter and tickets for the wrestling exhibition to the audience that is attending the exhibition and, if it is being broadcast or telecast, shall also give the same notice to the radio or television audience.
- Sec. 9.03. USE OF TERMS "CONTEST" AND "MATCH" PROHIBITED.

 Neither the term "contest" or "match" shall be used in any written

 or printed advertising or on any tickets for any wrestling

- 1 exhibition nor shall the term "contest" be used in any announcement
- 2 regarding any wrestling exhibition by the club or person that is
- 3 presenting the exhibition or by any person participating in the
- 4 exhibition.
- 5 ARTICLE 10. ENFORCEMENT OF ACT
- 6 Sec. 10.01. SHAM CONTESTS OR MATCHES; CONTESTANTS; PENALTY.
- Any contestant who participates in any sham or fake boxing contest
- 8 or sparring or wrestling match shall be penalized in the following
- 9 manner: he may be permanently disqualified from further
- 10 participation in any boxing contest or sparring or wrestling match
- 11 held or given under this Act, but he must be suspended by the
- 12 commission for not less than 12 months from the date of the offense
- 13 from further participation in any boxing contest or sparring or
- 14 wrestling match held or given under this Act. This section does
- not apply to the participants in any wrestling exhibitions.
- Sec. 10.02. SHAM CONTESTS OR MATCHES; CLUB; FORFEITURE OF
- 17 LICENSE. Any club which holds or participates in any sham or fake
- 18 boxing contest or sparring or wrestling match shall forfeit its
- 19 license under this Act, which shall be canceled and declared void
- 20 by the commission. The club may not thereafter receive any license
- 21 under this Act. No license shall be issued to any club which has
- 22 among its members any member who belonged to or who was an official
- of a club that had its license revoked. The license of a club is
- 24 not subject to forfeiture under this section because the club holds
- or participates in any wrestling exhibition.
- Sec. 10.03. SHAM CONTESTS AND MATCHES; INDIVIDUAL LICENSEES;
- 27 REVOCATION OF LICENSE; DISQUALIFICATION. Every officer of any

- 1 club, and any referee, timekeeper, boxer, wrestler, manager,
- 2 trainer, second, or person who conducts, gives, or participates in
- 3 any sham or collusive boxing contest, or sparring or wrestling
- 4 match, shall be deprived of his license by the commission and shall
- 5 be disqualified from receiving a new license or a renewal of a
- license. A person shall not, however, be deprived of his license
- 7 under this section or be disqualified from receiving a new license
- 8 or a renewal of a license because he conducts, gives, or
- 9 participates in any wrestling exhibition.
- 10 Sec. 10.04. AMATEUR CONTESTS; STOPPING CONTEST; GROUNDS;
- 11 ENFORCEMENT. At every amateur boxing contest or sparring match
- 12 held in this state, any representative of the commission shall stop
- 13 the contest whenever it appears that the contestants are unevenly
- 14 matched, that the contestants, or either of them, have been
- seriously injured, or that there is danger that the contestants, or
- either of them, will be seriously injured if the contest continues.
- 17 The person may call to his assistance in enforcing his order to
- 18 stop the contest, as many peace officers or able-bodied citizens of
- 19 the state as may be necessary.
- Sec. 10.05. LOCAL PROHIBITION. This Act does not prevent
- 21 any county or city from prohibiting, by ordinance, the holding or
- 22 conducting of any boxing contest, or any person from engaging in
- 23 any boxing contest if the county or city has that authority under
- 24 another law.
- 25 ARTICLE 11. CRIMES AND PENALTIES
- Sec. 11.01. UNLICENSED CONTEST, MATCH, OR EXHIBITION;
- 27 OFFENSE. Every club or person to whom or which this Act is

- 1 otherwise applicable who directly or indirectly holds any boxing
- 2 contest, sparring or wrestling match, or wrestling exhibition
- 3 without first having procured a license commits an
- 4 offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.
- 5 Sec. 11.02. AMATEUR CONTESTS; PARTICIPATION AFTER STOP ORDER
- OR VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS; OFFENSE; PUNISHMENT. Any contestant
- who continues to participate in an amateur boxing contest 7
- 8 sparring match after an order to stop the contest is given by a
- representative of the commission, or who violates any of the 9
- 10 regulations prescribed for governing amateur boxing contests or
- 11 sparring matches, commits an offense. An offense under this
- 12 section is a Class B misdemeanor.
- 13 Sec. 11.03. AMATEUR CONTESTS; PAYMENTS TO COACHES, TRAINERS,
- WITHOUT PERMISSION OF COMMISSION; OFFENSE; EXPENSE PAYMENT. 14
- 15 Unless the written permission of the commission is first obtained,
- 16 it is an offense for any person, firm, association, club, or
- corporation staging or holding any amateur boxing contest
- sparring match to pay or cause to be paid to any coach, trainer, or
- 19 manager of any amateur boxer participating in the boxing contest or
- 20 sparring match any sum of money other than the actual traveling
- 21 expenses incurred by the coach, trainer, or manager and amateur

boxer in traveling from their respective places of residence to the

- 23 place of the boxing contest, exhibition, or sparring match and the
- return to the residence, and a sum of money for the actual time 24
- 25 spent in traveling, as reimbursement for the other
- 26 actually incurred by the coach, trainer, or manager
- 27 the amateur boxing contest or sparring match. An offense under

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- this section is a Class B misdemeanor.
- 2 Sec. 11.04. VIOLATIONS; OFFENSE. Any club or person who
- 3 violates any of the provisions of this Act for which a penalty is
- 4 not expressly prescribed by this Act commits an offense. An
- 5 offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.
- 6 Sec. 11.05. TICKET STUBS; UNAUTHORIZED DESTRUCTION; OFFENSE.
- 7 Any club or person connected with the club who destroys any ticket
- 8 or ticket stub sold or unsold to a boxing contest, sparring or
- 9 wrestling match, or wrestling exhibition within six months after
- 10 the contest, match, or exhibition without previous authorization by
- 11 the commission commits an offense. An offense under this section
- is a Class B misdemeanor.
- 13 ARTICLE 12. BOXER BENEFITS
- Sec. 12.01. TRUST FUND; CONTRIBUTIONS; INVESTMENT; PAYMENTS;
- 15 SUPERVISION; BOXER'S TRUST FUND ACCOUNT. (a) Upon application at
- any time to the commission by any professional boxer who engages in
- 17 boxing contests in this state, the commission shall establish a
- 18 separate trust fund for the boxer. Contributions shall be made by
- 19 the professional boxer to the trust fund until the trust fund is
- 20 terminated under this section. The trust fund shall be composed of
- 21 money derived in the following manner:
- 22 (1) the commission shall order the promoter of a
- 23 professional boxing contest to withhold a sum established by the
- 24 commission, by regulation, not to exceed 10 percent of each
- 25 professional boxer's share of a purse for which the professional
- 26 boxer is competing, if the boxer's share of the purse is not less
- 27 than \$200 nor more than \$1,000; or

- 1 (2) the commission shall order the promoter of 2 professional boxing contest to withhold a sum established by the 3 commission, by regulation, not to exceed 15 percent of each 4 professional boxer's share of a purse for which the professional 5 boxer is competing if the boxer's share of the purse exceeds \$1,000. 6
- 7 (b) The trust funds shall be under the supervision of the 8 commission, which shall act as trustee, and the treasurer shall 9 adopt rules and regulations to effect this section.
 - (c) The commission or its designee shall invest the money contained in the trust funds as other trust funds of the state are invested, and all earnings from each fund shall be accumulated and added to the principal of the fund. All money in each fund shall be accumulated until the professional boxer who is the beneficiary of the fund dies, or has his license revoked, or retires and has been inactive as a professional boxer for a period of one year commencing with the date of retirement, at which time the commission shall remit to him, or his heirs, as the case may be, all funds contained in his trust fund.
- 20 (d) The corpus of any trust fund may be invaded before the 21 boxer's retirement or license revocation upon a showing to the 22 commission of extraordinary circumstances, as approved by the 23 commission.
- 24 (e) The commission shall have sole jurisdiction and 25 supervision of the trust funds provided for in this section.
- 26 (f) All money received by the commission under this section 27 shall be deposited in a special fund to be known as the boxer's

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- 1 trust fund. The money in the boxer's trust fund shall be used
- 2 exclusively for purposes of the trust funds created under this
- 3 section.
- Sec. 12.02. PENSION PLAN; CONTRIBUTIONS; DEPOSIT OF FUNDS;
- 5 USE OF FUNDS; INVESTMENTS. (a) The commission shall, consistent
- 6 with the purposes of this article, establish a pension plan for
- 7 professional boxers who engage in boxing contests in this state.
- 8 (b) The commission shall, consistent with the purposes of
- 9 this article, establish a schedule of contributions to finance the
- 10 pension plan to be paid by professional boxers, managers, and
- 11 promoters on an equitable basis, as determined by the commission,
- 12 in an amount sufficient to finance the pension plan. In
- 13 establishing the schedule, the commission shall consider, but not
- 14 be limited in its consideration to, the relative profits derived
- 15 from a boxing contest by the professional boxer, his manager, and
- 16 the promoter.
- 17 (c) Any pension plan established by the commission shall be
- 18 actuarially sound.
- 19 (d) All contributions from boxers, managers, and promoters
- 20 to finance the plan shall be deposited in a special fund to be
- 21 known as the boxers' pension fund. The money in the boxers'
- 22 pension fund shall be used exclusively for purposes of the pension
- 23 plan.
- 24 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
- 25 commission or its designee shall invest the money contained in the
- 26 pension fund as other trust funds in the state are invested. The
- 27 commission or its designee may also invest money from the fund in

1 group annuity contracts.

Sec. 12.03. DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM; FINANCING. The commission shall, consistent with the purposes of this article, promulgate rules and regulations requiring a disability insurance program for each professional boxer, which insurance shall provide minimum financial benefits as determined by the commission during periods of disability caused in a professional boxing contest held in this state. The cost of the disability insurance program shall be equitably allocated by the commission among boxers, managers, and promoters. In making the allocation, the commission shall consider, but not be limited in its consideration to, the relative profits derived from a boxing contest by the professional boxer, his manager, and the promoter.

Sec. 12.04. DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM; AMATEUR BOXERS; COST; ADDITION TO TICKET PRICE; PAYMENT; DEPOSIT. (a) The commission shall, consistent with the purposes of this article, promulgate rules and regulations requiring that a disability insurance program be provided, if feasible, for each amateur boxer who performs on the same program as a professional boxing contest, sparring match, or exhibition.

- (b) The cost of the disability insurance program for the amateur boxer shall be borne entirely by the promoter of the professional program at which the amateur boxer performs.
- (c)(1) A promoter may, but is not required to, add to the price of each ticket sold for a professional boxing contest an amount specifically designated by him on the ticket for contribution as a donation to the disability insurance program

- 1 established by this section. The additional amount is not subject
- 2 to the admissions tax required by Section 6.02 of this Act. This
- 3 section does not authorize the addition of the amounts to less than
- 4 all of the tickets sold for the professional boxing program
- 5 involved.
- 6 (2) At the time of payment of the admissions tax required by
- 7 Section 6.02 of this Act, a promoter shall pay to the commission
- 8 any amounts collected pursuant to this section.
- 9 (3) Money received pursuant to this section shall be
- 10 deposited in a special fund to be known as the amateur boxers'
- 11 disability fund, to be held in trust and used for purposes of this
- 12 section, as follows:
- 13 (i) for the benefit of the promoter who donated the money to
- 14 meet his costs of providing disability insurance pursuant to this
- 15 section. Nothing in this section shall grant to any person other
- 16 than the promoter who donated the money any right or interest in
- 17 the account; or
- 18 (ii) in the event the promoter dies or retires, for the
- 19 benefit of all other promoters in meeting their costs of providing
- 20 disability insurance under this section.
- Sec. 12.05. INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INCREASED BENEFITS.
- 22 Any professional boxer may, at his option, contribute to the trust
- fund established for him pursuant to Section 12.01 of this Act, or
- the pension plan established pursuant to Section 12.02 of this Act,
- or both, at rates higher than those specified in Section 12.01, or
- established by the commission under Section 12.02, in order to
- 27 receive greater benefits under the fund or plan.

Sec. 12.06. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds and declares that professional boxers, as a group, for many reasons, do not retain their earnings, and are often injured or destitute, or both, and unable to take proper care of themselves, whether financially or otherwise, and that the enactment of this article is to serve a public purpose by making provision for a needy group to ensure a modicum of financial security for professional boxers.

8 Sec. 12.07. REPORTS. During January of each odd-numbered 9 year, the commission shall report to the legislature on the 10 operation of the boxers' trust funds.

Sec. 12.08. ADDITIONAL AMOUNT PER TICKET FOR PENSION PLAN AND DISABILITY PROGRAM; EXEMPTION FROM ADMISSIONS TAX; PAYMENT TO COMMISSION; DEPOSIT; EFFECT ON DONOR ALLOCATIONS. (a) A promoter may, but is not required to, add to the price of each ticket sold for a professional boxing contest an amount specifically designated by him on the ticket for contribution as a donation, either or both, to the pension plan established under Section 12.02 of this Act or to the disability insurance program established under Section 12.03 of this Act. The additional amount is not subject to the admissions tax required by Section 6.02 of this Act. This section does not authorize the addition of the amounts to less than all the tickets sold for the professional boxing contest involved.

- (b) At the time of payment of the admissions tax required by Section 6.02 of this Act, a promoter shall pay to the commission any amounts collected under Subsection (a) of this section.
- 26 (c) If not otherwise specifically designated by the 27 promoter, amounts collected under this section shall be allocated

- equally for support of the pension program and the disability insurance program.
- 3 (d)(1) Money received under this section for support of the 4 pension program shall be deposited in the boxers' pension fund.
- 5 (2) Money received pursuant to this section for support of 6 the disability insurance program shall be deposited in a special 7 fund to be known as the disability insurance program fund.
 - (e) Any amounts received under this section may be considered by the commission to reduce all of the allocations required by Sections 12.02 and 12.03 of this Act, but the amounts donated are not considered to offset the donor's allocation or any other particular person's allocation otherwise required of him under Sections 12.02 and 12.03.
 - SECTION 2. (a) In anticipation of its assumption of regulatory functions under this Act on September 1, 1984, the State Athletic Commission, before that date, may adopt rules, prescribe forms, and take all other actions necessary to provide for an orderly transition of the regulation of boxing, wrestling, and similar athletic activities by the Texas Department of Labor and Standards to the regulation by the commission.
 - (b) The Texas Department of Labor and Standards shall cooperate with the State Athletic Commission to cause an orderly transition of the regulation by the department to the regulation by the commission. Before September 1, 1984, the department shall transfer to the commission the records in the department's possession that were acquired as a result of the department's administration of the Texas Boxing and Wrestling Act (Article

- 1 8501-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).
- 2 SECTION 3. The Texas Boxing and Wrestling Act (Article
- 3 8501-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) is repealed on September 1,
- 4 1984.
- 5 SECTION 4. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this
- 6 section, Section 1 of this Act (the Boxing and Wrestling Act) takes
- 7 effect September 1, 1984.
- 8 (b) Article 2 of the Boxing and Wrestling Act and the
- 9 remainder of this Act take effect September 1, 1983.
- 10 SECTION 5. The importance of this legislation and the
- 11 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
- 12 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
- 13 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
- days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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relating to karate, and	the regulation of boxing, wrestling, kickboxing, other similar athletic activities; providing penaltie
JAN 2 5 1983	1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.
FEB 1 6 1983	2. Read first time and Referred to Committee on
	- State affine
	3. Reported favorably (as substituted) and sent to Printer at
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	5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at
	6. Read second time (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of yeas, nays, present, not voting).
	7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of yeas, nays, and present, not voting).
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	10. Caption ordered a	amended to conf	orm to body of	bill.	
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	22. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of yeas, nays.
	23. Read second time passed to third reading by: (a viva voce vote.) (yeas, nays.)
	24. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.
	25. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of yeas, nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.
	_ 26. Read third time and passed by (a viva voce vote.) (yeas, nays.)
OTHER ACTION:	OTHER ACTION:
	Secretary of the Senate
	_ 27. Returned to the House.
<u>.</u>	28. Received from the Senate (with amendments.) (as substituted .)
	29. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate (Amendments) (Substitute) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of yeas, nays, present, not voting).
	30. Conference Committee Ordered.
	31. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of yeas, nays, and present, not voting).

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